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Assistant to the Secretary of Defense

SUBJECT:

Counter-Guerrilla School, At. Bragg

BEFERENCE:

Memorandum from Brig. Cen. Edward G. Langdate to Mr. Sichard Bissell, Same Subject, Dated 7 April 1961

- 1. I have reviewed the critique of the first course at the Army's Counter-Gaerrilla School at Ft. Bragg which had been prepared by Mr. Wellman of the Department of State, and I have also received the comments and suggestions of those ClA officers who either assisted in the preparation of training material for the course, or who attended and monitored the course as it was presented. I hope that the following comments and suggestions may be helpful in improving the course for inture classes.
- 2. First, let me say that I fully agree with you that the course to be presented at Ft. Oragg should be regarded as a tactical military course, intended for U. 5. and Allied military officers who must have the working knowledge to best utilize their troops in combatting violence in various forms. The course must certainly include enough of our philosophy as to the political, sociological, and economic causes and cures for such violence as to give a proper background and understanding of the problems, in order for them to intelligently employ military forces, but I would arge that the course given at Ft. Bragg, as well as the one to be given in the Canal Lone, not attempt to attain too high a level of political cophistication. I suggest, therefore, that a determination be made as to the nature, acope, and emphasis of political orientation which is required, in order that the students at the course receive balanced training for the successful handling of the factical situations with which they may be controuted.

- 3. I recognize that the above suggestion might limit the sophistication of political training which should be given to more senior
 American and Allied officers. I, therefore, also suggest that a review
 be made of the curricula at the more senior military schools such as
 the Command and General stall school, the various service colleges,
 and the National War College, to insure that at each level of higher
 military training, adequate and probably increased attention be given
 to the political and other sea-military aspects of countering subversion
 and violence.
- d. CIA has and will gladly continue to contribute to the development of the course by the provision of locture and training materials. The fields in which we can make our best contribution are probably through studies of Communist exploitation and utilisation of subversion and violence, case histories of experience in the past, and doctrine on intelligence, counterintelligence, and countersabetage. In addition, the Agency has had valuable experience in various positive programs, such as civic action, most of which you are well aware.
- sith regard to Mr. Wellman's critique of the course, I am advised that, in the smin, his points are well taken. However, I want to assure you that I am well aware that the school did not have sufficient time for the preparation and presentation of the course to a combined U. S. and foreign student body, and that the problems posed by the unexpected language barrier were unavoidable. Despite these handicaps, my people left that the faculty had some an outstanding job, and should be so commended.
- 6. I recognise that the time remaining for preparation for the necond course to commonce in mid-way is very abort. As my last suggestion, I would therefore recommend that either the Department of the Army or yourself assemble together a small task force, representing the proper interested parties, whose major concers would be to first establish the limits within which the non-military aspects should be included in the course, and then to insure that the presentations on these matters be sound

and accurate as to U. S. pelicies and intentions. Cir will be happy to participate in such an eifort if you so desire.

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